

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the section heading above paragraph [0001] with the following rewritten text:

-- ~~Priority Claim~~ CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION --.

Please replace the section heading above paragraph [0002] with the following rewritten text:

-- ~~Description~~ BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION --.

Please add the following new section heading above paragraph [0008]:

-- SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION --.

Please add the following new section heading above paragraph [0021]:

-- BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS --.

Please add the following new section heading above paragraph [0023]:

-- DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION --.

Please add the following new paragraphs after paragraph [0027]:

-- It is noted that terms like "preferably", "commonly", and "typically" are not utilized herein to limit the scope of the claimed invention or to imply that certain features are critical, essential, or even important to the structure or function of the claimed invention. Rather, these terms are merely intended to highlight alternative or additional features that may or may not be utilized in a particular embodiment of the present invention.

For the purposes of describing and defining the present invention it is noted that the term "substantially" is utilized herein to represent the inherent degree of uncertainty that may be attributed to any quantitative comparison, value, measurement, or other representation. The term "substantially" is also utilized herein to represent the degree by which a quantitative representation may vary from a stated reference without resulting in a change in the basic function of the subject matter at issue.

Having described the invention in detail and by reference to specific embodiments thereof, it will be apparent that modifications and variations are possible without departing from the scope of the invention defined in the appended claims. More specifically, although some aspects of the present invention are identified herein as preferred or particularly advantageous, it is contemplated that the present invention is not necessarily limited to these preferred aspects of the invention.

What is claimed is: --.